

102 HIGH STREET

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NOMINATION FORM
for the
NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES, NATIONAL PARKS SERVICE

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

1. NAME				
COMMON:				
AND/OR HISTORIC: site of the "Old Common"				
2. LOCATION				
STREET AND NUMBER: 102 High Street				
CITY OR TOWN: Cambridge				
STATE: Maryland		COUNTY: Dorchester		
3. CLASSIFICATION				
CATEGORY <i>(Check One)</i>	OWNERSHIP		STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both		Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)				
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)	<input type="checkbox"/> Comments
4. OWNER OF PROPERTY				
OWNER'S NAME: Marguerite M. Swell				
STREET AND NUMBER: 102 High Street				
CITY OR TOWN: Cambridge		STATE: Maryland		21613
5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION				
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC: Dorchester County Courthouse				
STREET AND NUMBER: 206 High Street				
CITY OR TOWN: Cambridge		STATE: Maryland		21613
Title Reference of Current Deed (Book & Pg. #): Liber 179/Folio 656				
6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS				
TITLE OF SURVEY:				
DATE OF SURVEY: <input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local				
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:				
STREET AND NUMBER:				
CITY OR TOWN:		STATE:		

7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This is a two and one half story frame house with a hip roof and two hip roofed dormers in the front. Each dormer has a square window flanked by pilasters, and a row of dentils below the roof. The front has only two bays. There is a one story porch that extends across the front and part of the north facade. Supported by doric columns, the porch has a ballustrade and a pediment with ornamentation in front of the door. Below the roof is a decorative row of dentils.

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SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- Pre-Columbian
- 15th Century
- 16th Century
- 17th Century
- 18th Century
- 19th Century
- 20th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) C. 1895

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal | <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Political | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry | <input type="checkbox"/> Science | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture | _____ |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> Military | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | | | _____ |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

History:

The property upon which this house was built was once part of a lot stretching from Commerce Street to the river, known as the "Old Common". This lot had a long history of ownership, although the present houses were not built there until the 1890's. The lot was first conveyed by James Phillips, escheat patentee of "Ricarton" to John Caile in May 1747 for \$30. In July 1760, John Caile sold the property to Charles Goldsborough for \$100. The property was owned by several members of the Goldsborough family, until in 1802, it was sold by Richard Goldsborough to James Steele, then owner of the Point. Mr. Steele's son, James, sold the lot to Capt. Sadrach Mitchell in 1824. By several deeds stretching from 1834 to 1843, Capt. Mitchell conveyed all his property to Josiah Bayly, Jr. (excepting a strip on the edge of the water known as the "shipyard"). There were still no houses on the property known as the "Old Common". In April 1847, Josiah Bayly, Jr. sold the property to Lewis Ross who later acquired the shipyard, also, through Judge James A. Stewart, who had purchased it at the sale of Mitchell's real estate and erected a large grocery store of unhewn stone, the first building on the property. Captain Ross died in 1878 and by his will divided the lot into two parts, leaving the south portion to his granddaughter, Lydia A. Ross, and the north portion (toward the river) to his granddaughter Elexine, wife of Charles N. Creighton). In 1885, Mr. and Mrs. Creighton sold her half of the "Old Common" to the Maryland Steamboat Company. The company tore down the old grocery store, sowed the lot in grass, planted trees and made a beautiful park there. At the same time they practically doubled the size of their lot by building a solid wharf of oyster snells from its whole front, out to the end of the wharf of the steamboat pier. In June 1895, the Baltimore, Chesapeake and Atlantic Transportation Company of Baltimore (successor of the Maryland Steamboat Co.) sold to

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Col. Clement Sullivane, article reprinted in the Daily Banner on May 1, 1925

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
Catherine L. Moore,

ORGANIZATION _____ DATE 11/12/75

STREET AND NUMBER:
Route 3, Box 32

CITY OR TOWN: Cambridge STATE Maryland

12. State Liaison Officer Review: (Office Use Only)

Significance of this property is:

National State Local

Signature _____

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<p><u>History: (continued)</u></p> <p>Paymaster M. Worthington Goldsborough, half of their said lot, where he erected the house that is now known as 106 High Street. Paymaster Goldsborough was the father of Phillips Lee Goldsborough who was the Governor of Maryland between 1912 and 1916.</p> <p>In June 1895, the Baltimore, Chesapeake and Atlantic Transportation Company of Baltimore, (successor of the Maryland Steamboat Company) sold the southern half of their said lot to Paymaster M. Worthington Goldsborough and the northern part to Mrs. Ellen S. Goldsborough, wife of the Hon. Phillips Lee Goldsborough, who was the Governor of Maryland between 1912 and 1916. The latter covered the oyster shells with earth, sowed grass and planted trees, and erected the house that is now known as 102 High Street.</p> <p><u>Significance:</u></p> <p>This house was built sometime after 1895 by J. Benjamin Brown, a local architect, who designed many of Cambridge's finest buildings of the late 19th century and early 20th century. This house contributes to the historic character of High Street which consists of many large homes of architectural interest.</p>			

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STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: STATE

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Significance of this property is:

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CAMBRIDGE, MARYLAND

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Add the following to Cathe Moore's material:

This house was built in 1895-1896 by Ellen S. Goldsborough, wife of Governor Phillips Lee Goldsborough. In 1895 she purchased this lot and part of 100 High Street from her father-in-law M. Worthington Goldsborough. The architect was J. Benjamin Brown, who designed and built many important Cambridge buildings in the period from 1870 to 1920. The house is one of several late nineteenth century residences that are located on the lower end of High Street and that add to the architectural and historical character of the street.

Sources:

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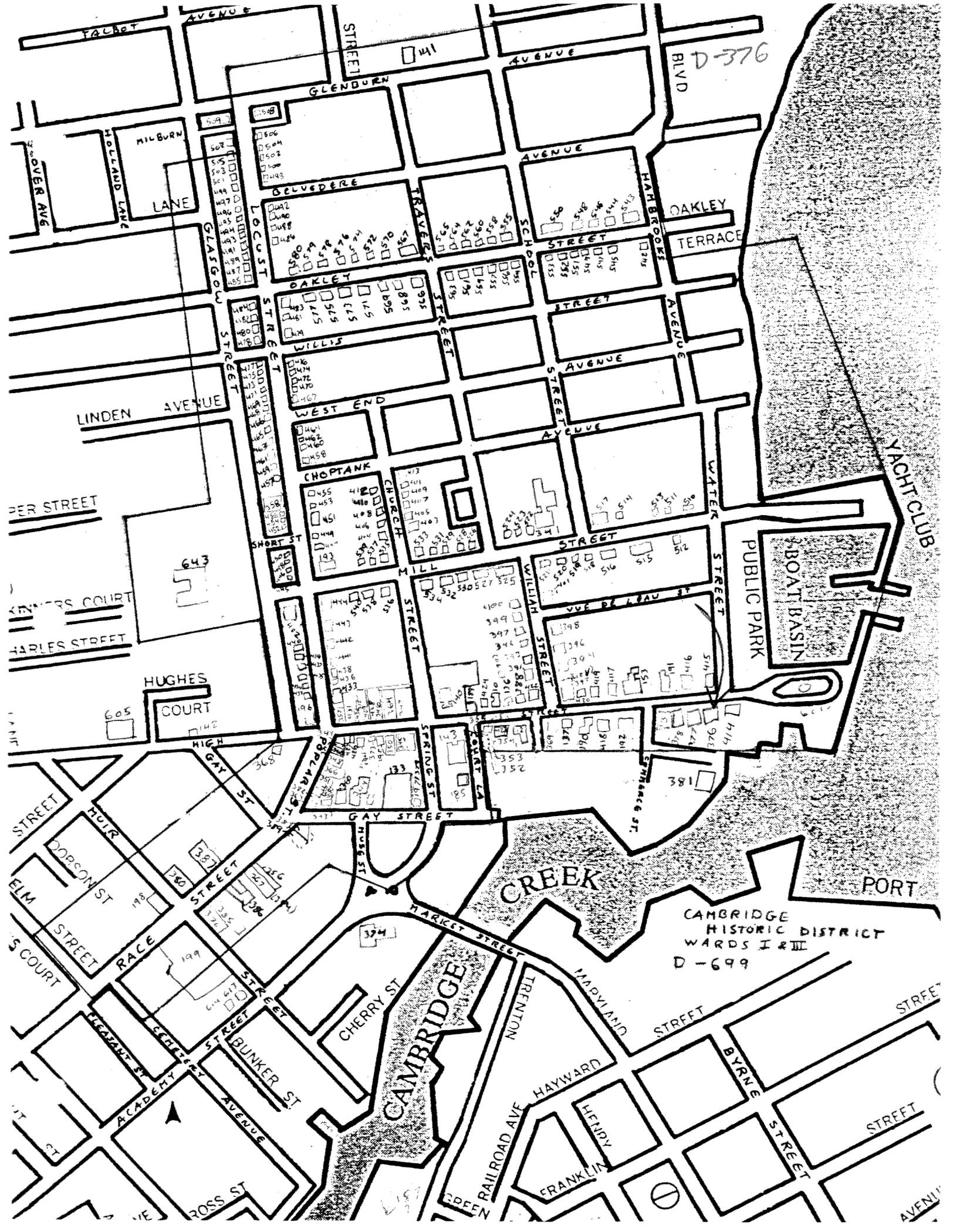
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BOAT BASIN

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